

THE FARMER.

BEST TIME TO EXTERMINATE BEETLES.
A farmer in western New York writing to the *Advertiser*, says: Having been brought up on a farm I used to hear much said by farmers in regard to the best time for cutting beetles, etc., and remember well the many uncertainties that existed and the various opinions given on the subject." Some recommended to cut at one season, some at another; some regarded the "mean," others the "signs," &c. I also remember that the same kind of underbrush, if cut at one season, would start again and grow luxuriantly, but if cut at another would be completely "used up." I have also, within the last few years, had opportunity to notice the same facts; and the conclusion at which I have arrived is, that different shrubs, or bushes, trees, &c., may be cut at different seasons of the year. Some are killed by cutting as early as the first of August, and so on till October or even November. The theory is this: "Cut any plant or shrub about the time that it has done growing for the season, and its destruction is almost certain." If cut before this it will generally start again the next year. The exceptions are few. So much for the fact, now for the theory. First, in the spring of the year, all roots are vigorous; hence, if a tree or shrub be cut at this time, or in full growth, the root will send forth a new set of shoots. The exceptions are—first, evergreens generally, as pine, hemlock, spruce, etc.; second, those that have a copious flow of sap in the spring, as the maple, birch, etc. Yet even some of these will start again if cut soon after the buds have opened; that is, after the spring flow of sap has ceased; except in the case of old trees, in which the root appears not sufficiently vigorous or the evaporation from the new stem too rapid to allow of the formation of new shoots. Second—in autumn, when a shrub or tree has done growing for the season, the active energies of the root are still, but if left till the fall the foliage is dead or dying the energies of the root are restored by the return of the sap, and are ready for action again as is the season of growth still remains. Hence too early or too late cutting will be equally unsuccessful. Cut your under brush, then, at the time above specified, and it will rarely start again. If it does, the growth will appear stunted or sickly, and soon die if its own accord, or a second cutting at the proper time will insure success. The same rule applies to all plants, as Canada thistle, milk weeds, etc., with greater or less certainty, according to the greater or less vitality of the root of life peculiar to the root of each kind of vegetable. The "proper time" can easily be determined by observing whether new leaves continue to appear at the ends of the prominent branches, and if it does not rarely start again, if it does, the growth will appear stunted or sickly, and soon die if its own accord, or a second cutting at the proper time will insure success.

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THE CARE OF CALVES.—A correspondent gives the following good advice: Much of the future growth, and in fact much of the profits of the farmer arising from his stock, depends upon the care which he receives during the first year. I do not wish to be understood by this that if a farmer takes good care of his stock the first year, he can afterward let them run "haphazard" every good farmer will see that his stock at all times is well cared for. But the first year is the foundation, it is the starting-point of their future growth. There are many farmers who are in the habit of giving their calves nothing but what they find in the way of waste, and when they are taken to market, and when they are sold, they are worth only half what they were when they were born.

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If you buy steaks in hot weather, which you wish to keep a day or two, never sprinkle on the salt and add it to stand in that way, as it is sure to draw out the juices, and harden and toughen the beef. It may be easier to turn, then set it in a cool place and retain a day or two without losing its fresh and new.

WHAT IS SAID ON BUTTER.—When a wholesale dealer is questioned as to the proportion of really fine butter he receives on his consignments, he replies, "not one." A larger proportion than this comes to market as green butter. The grocer will tell you that of all your stock good butter is the most difficult to dispose of, and obtain the most time and trouble to sell. We know there is no reason why this should be so. Here and there scattered widely apart throughout the country, we know farmers who make excellent butter, which would be classed first quality in the market, and next door to those are neighbors who make trash, unfit for food. On the counter of country stores may any day be seen rolls of butter, most widely different in color, flavor, and texture. One farmer is fat and creamy, and his wife keeps her dairy sweet in her halls and rooms, while another, in an unbroken fashion, has musty feel and foul odor for his cows, while his wife is equally careless in her dairy. How can the butter in these cases be other than widely different in quality and value?

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